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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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PROCESS FOR PRODUCING ANATASE  
TITANIA OR COMPOSITE OXIDE  
CONTAINING ANATASE TITANIA  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution and to reduce PTO filing fees, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 2 through 8 as follows:

2. (Amended) The process according to claim 1 wherein the solution containing a hydrolyzable titanium compound contains an organic polymer, and the gel is organic inorganic composite matter containing a metal oxide and the organic polymer.

3. (Amended) The process according to claim 2 wherein the organic polymer is a water-soluble organic polymer.